## Government Grant Writing

Office of Community Development
State Grants Management Section
Division of Administration
Regional Conference

Ruston, LA

# How are they different from foundation grants?

- Implementation of the government's "program"
- Timing
- Amount
- Not renewed perpetually
- Appropriations process
- Competitive nature

# Government Grants VS. Foundation Grants

Rules and Regulations

Public Nature

Individuals, For-Profit Businesses, and Religious Organizations are eligible

#### **Nuances of Federal Grants**

- RFP
- RFA
- PA
- NOFA
- Priorities
- Technical Meetings

#### **Nuances of Federal Grants**

- Modifications
- Department Guidelines and Regulations
- Formatting of proposal
- SPOC—intergovernmental review
- Peer Review Selection and Procedures
- Online Application

## Politics, Politics, Politics

- Grants awarded in a politician's district
- Contact U.S. Senator and Representative—letter of support
- Keep U.S. and State politicians and their staff current on your organization's activities.

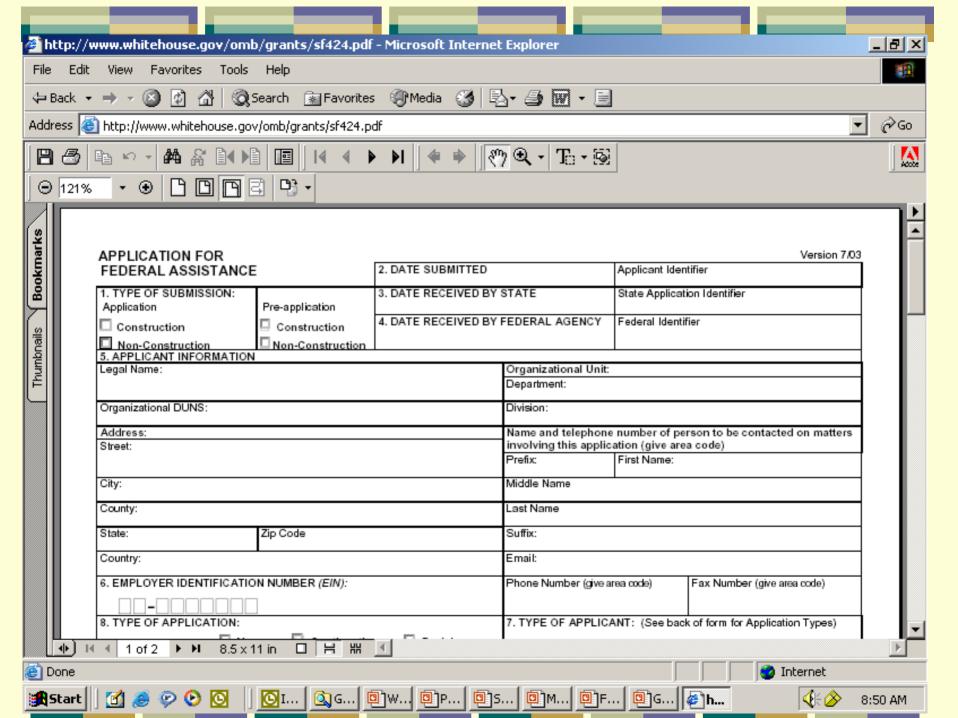
#### Government Grant Proposal Sections

- Application for Federal Assistance
- Grant Program Cover Sheet
- Narrative
- Budget Summary
- Attachments

## Application and Cover Sheet

- http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/ grants\_forms.html
- Can also locate them on the agency websites.
- Government Grants require lots of specific forms.
  - EX: Most federal programs require a 424.





#### **Narrative**

A complete description of the following should be included in your narrative:

- Problem
- Scope of Work
- Schedule
- Evaluation
- Sustainability

#### Other Parts to Narrative

- Program Description
- Target Population
- Goals and Objectives
- Activities and Timeline
- Management Plan—Staffing
- Summary

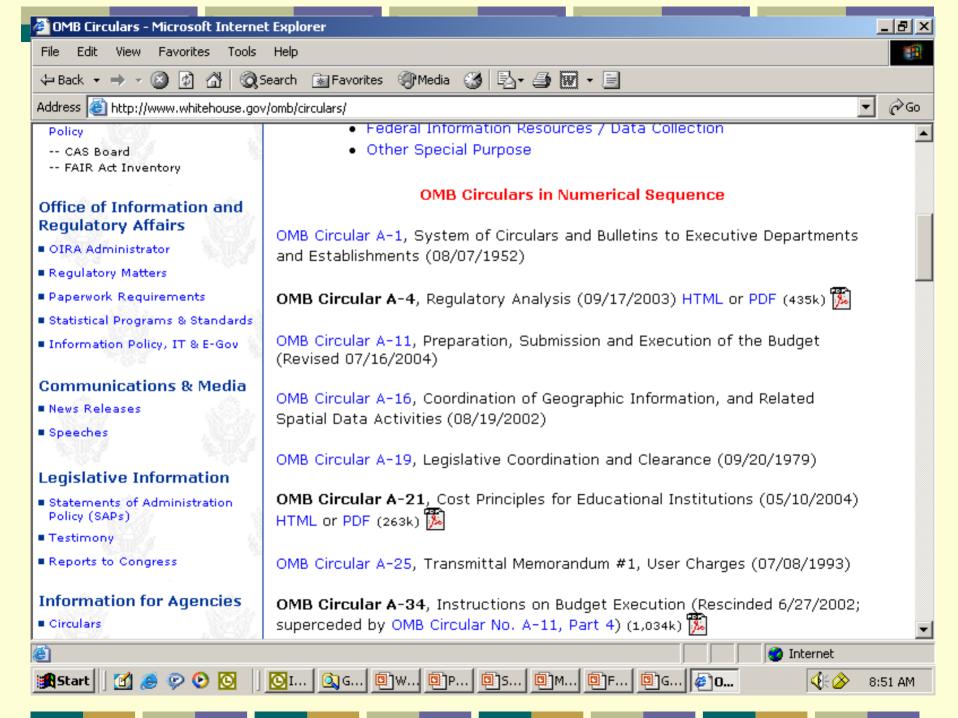
## Budget Summary/ Attachments

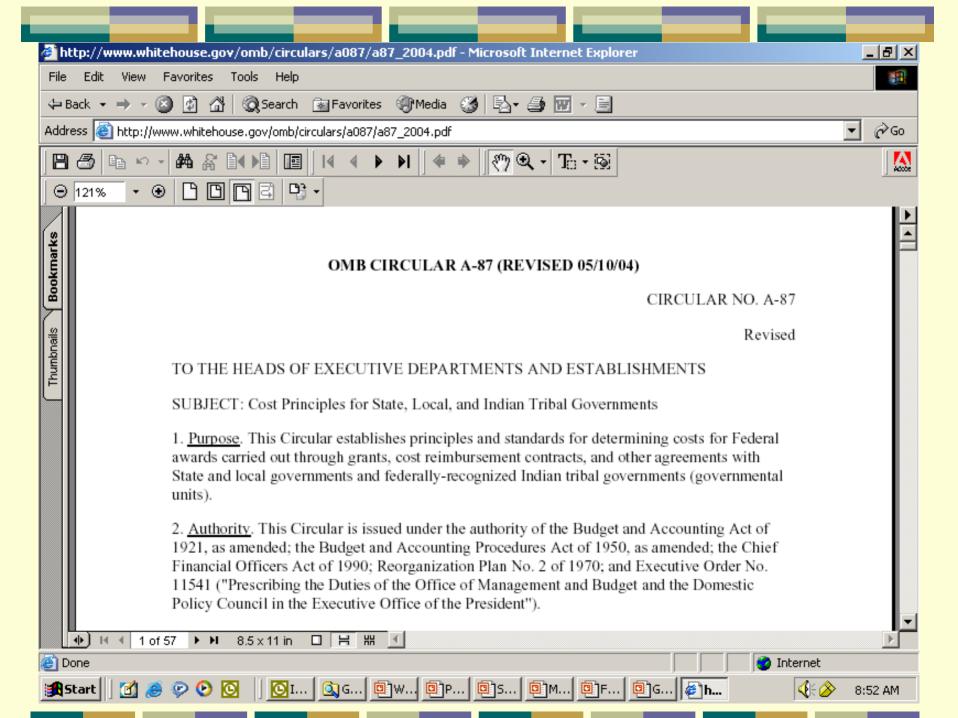
MORE GOVERNMENT FORMS!!

Other resources

• OMB A-87

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/





# Best Part About a Government Grant...??

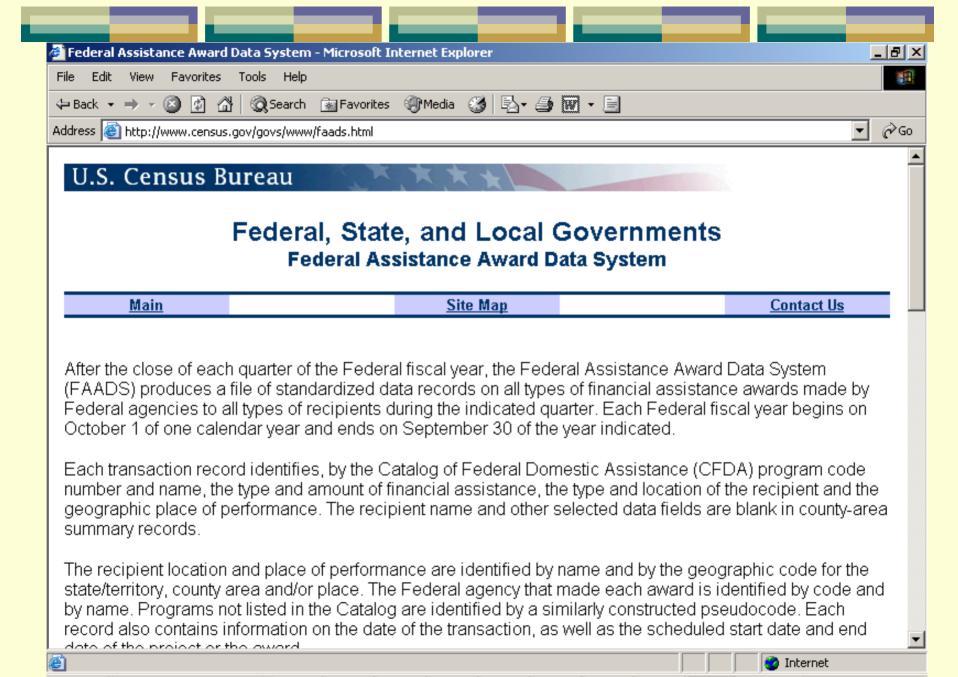
# THEY TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT!!

# Who has been awarded federal funds in LA in the Past?



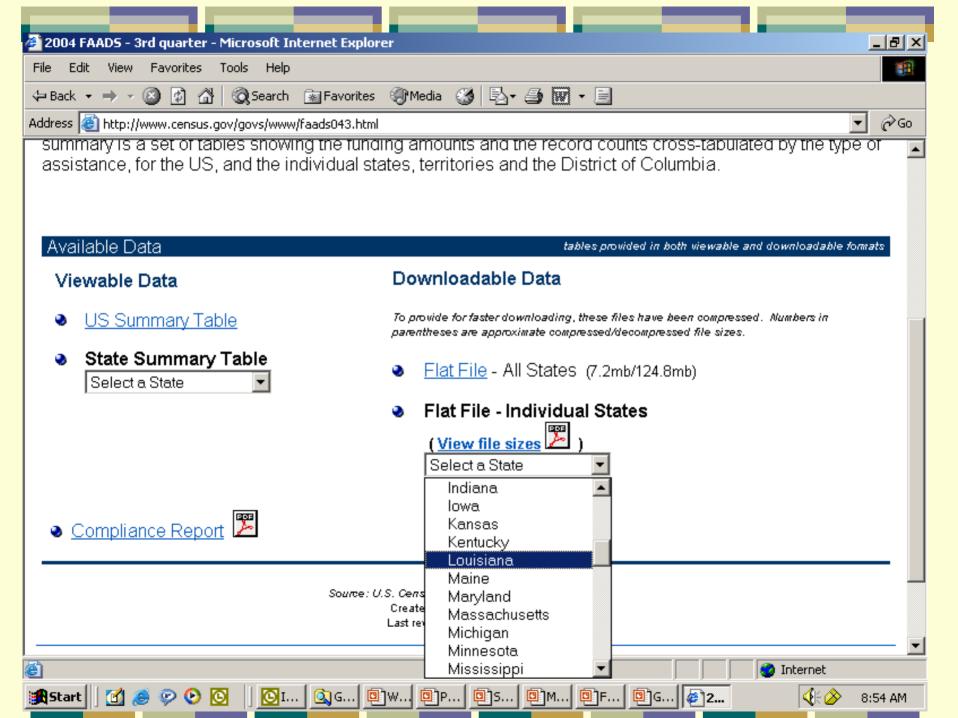
# Federal Assistance Award Data System (FAADS)

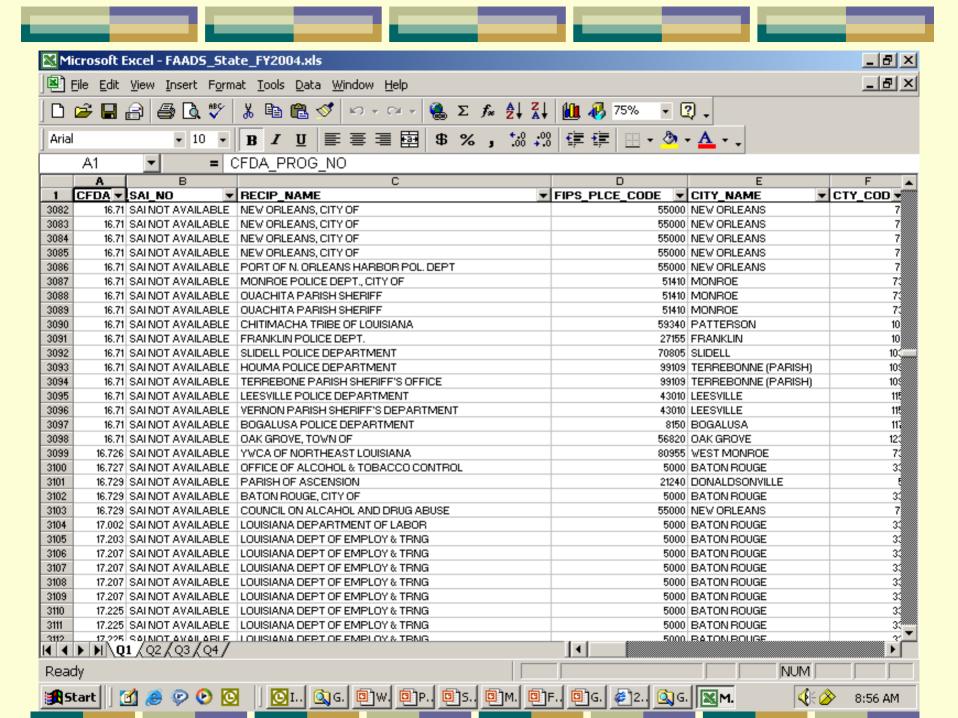
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Executive Agencies report quarter by quarter grant awards
- FY 2003, Louisiana was awarded approx. \$72 billion in federal grants
- Consolidated Funds Report
- http://www.census.gov/govs/www/faads.html

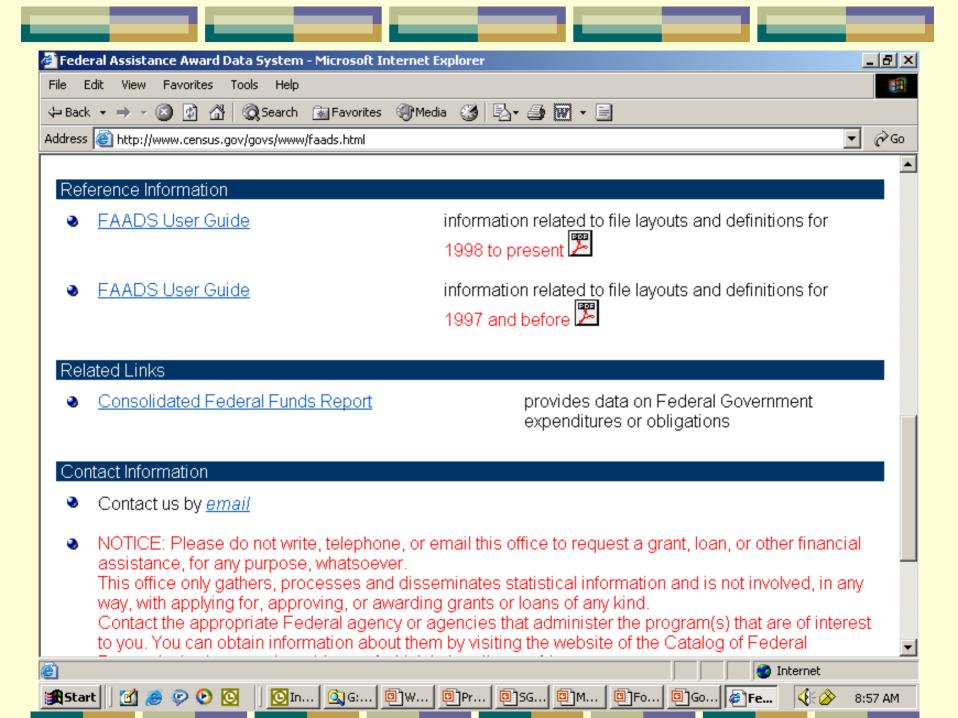


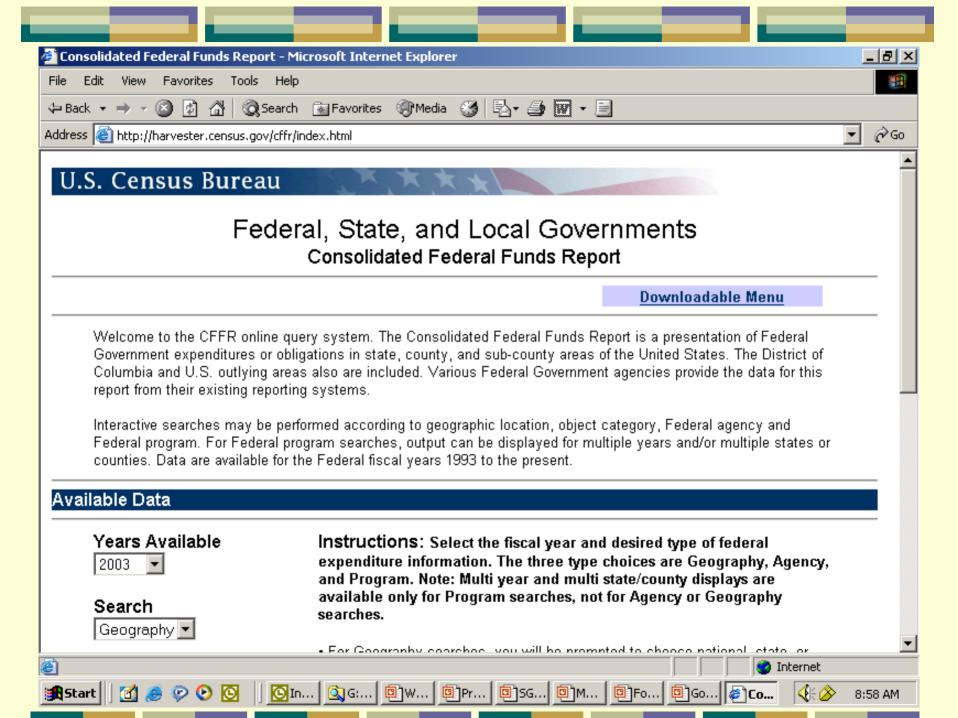
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## Pass-Through Funds

- Federal Money granted to state agencies, who pass it through to local governments, nonprofits, individuals, etc.
- FAADS does not track pass-through funds.
- Important for local governments and nonprofits to know and understand.

#### What Did We Cover?

- Difference between government and foundation grants
- Nuances of government grants
- Political effect
- Grant components
- Where the money is going

### Questions?????????